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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A vapor emitting patch comprising:
 - a base portion comprising a hydrogel;
- a cellular structure, comprising a foamed polyolefin, contacting the base portion, the cellular structure comprising a vapor emitting portion; and
- a vapor emitting material that is a drug stored within the vapor emitting portion.
- 2. (Canceled).
- 3. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1 wherein the base portion further comprises a film layer wherein the film layer reversibly adheres to the hydrogel.
- 4. (Original) The patch of claim 3 wherein the film layer is removable.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 1 wherein the vapor emitting portion comprising a cellular structure comprises a pad.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 5 wherein the pad comprises a material selected from the group of materials consisting of polyolefins, acrylic adhesives and hydrogels.
- 7. (Original) The patch of claim 5 wherein the vapor emitting portion comprises a protective material that overlays the pad.
- 8. (Original) The patch of claim 7 wherein the protective material comprises a mesh material or a non-woven material.
- 9. (Cancelled).

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10. (Currently Amended) A patch comprising:

a hydrogel comprising a first surface and an opposing surface;

a releasable layer adhered to the hydrogel;

a foam pad comprising a cellular structure comprising foamed polyolefin, the pad

comprising a top surface and a bottom surface wherein the bottom surface of the pad is affixed to

the hydrogel; and

a vapor emitting material selected from the group consisting of drugs, pheromones, and

perfumes received by the cells of the foam pad wherein the vapor emitting material is added to

the cells prior to use.

11. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 10 wherein the pad comprises an open cell

foam.

12. (Original) The patch of claim 10 and further comprising a protective member sealed to

the top surface of the pad.

13. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 10 further comprising a layer attached to the

hydrogel wherein the layer attached to the hydrogel is a film, a foil or a paper.

14. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 13 wherein the film layer comprises a material

selected from the group of materials consisting of polyolefins, polyamides, cellulosics,

polyethylene terephthalates, or any mixture thereof.

Claims 15-16 (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 40 further comprising a third layer wherein

the third layer is releasably affixed to and covers the uncovered areas of the first surface of the

first layer.

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- 18. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 40 further comprising a protective layer wherein the protective layer is attached to the top surface of the pad.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 40 wherein the first layer comprises an adhesive from which a release layer can be released.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 19 wherein the adhesive comprises a hydrogel.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 17 wherein the third layer is a film, a foil or a paper.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 21 wherein the film comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyamides, cellulosics, polyethylene terephthalates, or any mixture thereof.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 40 wherein the second layer comprises a removable and reattachable base substrate.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 40 wherein the pad comprises a synthetic or natural open cell foam.
- 25. (Currently Amended) A method for releasing a vapor, comprising:

 providing a patch comprising

 an adhesive comprising a first surface and an opposing surface,

 a base substrate, comprising a hydrogel, adhered to the opposing surface of the adhesive,

 a cellular structure, comprising a foamed polyolefin, contacting the base portion, the

 cellular structure comprising a vapor emitting portion; and

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a vapor emitting material <u>selected from the group consisting of drugs</u>, <u>pheromones</u>, <u>and</u> <u>perfumes</u> stored within the cellular structure;

removing the base substrate; attaching the adhesive to a surface; exposing the pad to air; and releasing the vapor.

- 26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein attaching the adhesive to a surface comprises attaching the adhesive to skin.
- 27. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein removing the base substrate comprises removing the base substrate from the opposing surface of the adhesive.
- 28. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein exposing the pad to air includes removing the patch from a packaging.
- 29. (Previously Presented) A method for releasing a vapor comprising: providing a patch comprising

an adhesive comprising a first surface and an opposing surface,

a base substrate, comprising a hydrogel, adhered to the opposing surface of the adhesive, and

a vapor emitting portion comprising a cellular structure, comprising foamed poyolefin, and a vapor emitting material stored within the cellular structure comprising the vapor emitting portion affixed to the first surface of the adhesive; exposing the pad to air; and releasing the vapor.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein providing a patch includes removing the base substrate and attaching the adhesive to a surface.

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31. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein exposing the pad to air includes removing the patch from a packaging.

Claims 32-37 (Cancelled).

38. (Withdrawn) A kit for releasing a vapor comprising:

one or more patches comprising a hydrogel and a vapor emitting portion comprising a cellular structure comprising a foamed polyolefin, and a vapor emitting material stored within the cellular structure comprising the vapor emitting portion, with the vapor emitting portion adhered to the hydrogel; and

a container for enclosing the patches.

- 39. (Withdrawn) The kit of claim 38 and further comprising a container for enclosing more than one patch.
- 40. (Previously Presented) A patch comprising:

an adhesive first layer comprising a first surface and an opposing surface with the surfaces having areas;

- a second layer, comprising a hydrogel, releasably adhered to and covering the entire area of the opposing surface of the first layer;
- a foam pad, comprising a foamed polyolefin, having portions and comprising a top surface and a bottom surface with one of the pad surfaces attached to and covering an area of the first surface of the first layer; and,

at least two vapor emitting materials separately stored in at least two separate portions of the pad.

- 41. (Cancel) The patch of claim 24 wherein the open cell foam comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, acrylic adhesives and hydrogels.
- 42. (New) A vapor emitting patch comprising:
 - a base portion comprising a hydrogel;

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a cellular structure, comprising a foamed polyolefin, contacting the base portion, the cellular structure comprising a vapor emitting portion; and a vapor emitting material that is a pheromone stored within the vapor emitting portion.

- 43. (New) A vapor emitting patch comprising:
 - a base portion comprising a hydrogel;
- a cellular structure, comprising a foamed polyolefin, contacting the base portion, the cellular structure comprising a vapor emitting portion; and a vapor emitting material that is a perfume stored within the vapor emitting portion.
- 44. (New) A vapor emitting patch comprising:
 - a base portion comprising a hydrogel;
- a cellular structure, comprising a foamed polyolefin, contacting the base portion, the cellular structure comprising a vapor emitting portion; and
- a vapor emitting material having a low vapor pressure stored within the vapor emitting portion.